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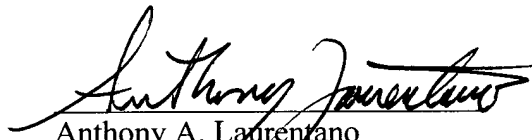
Preliminary to examination of this application, please amend claims 1, 4, 7-8, 10-13, and 15. The claim amendments attend to minor formal matters and remove multiple dependencies.

Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendments introduce no new matter. Entry of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment is thus in order and requested.

If there are any questions regarding the proposed amendments to the application and claims, we invite the Examiner to call Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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